

THE MAYOR.

COURT TOWARD DEPARTMENT.

By Lewis, He Has

of the Commission, and the Taxpayers' Alliance

Commissioners that

about the city.

that people say about

they don't care what they

much about him as they

that he has been very un-

department of Charities and

was a time when the

themselves said so and

what things were a time

better, and then they said

ordered their Secretary to

his Honor to tell him how

dated him and what he had

If the exonerates of politics

of the Commissioners to array

the community in secret

Junior Porter says openly, that

had a Mayor who did so much

Sewell came into office two years

everybody talking, to speak nat-

of the city, and then he came to

the islands, and he was a time

ment for the insane. It was alleged

attendants were brutally treated by bad

ers, and that the housing and feeding and

eral care of the unfortunate were in no

creditable to a great city. The Commis-

sioners said they had heard the story, and

that white things were a time

fect, they were pretty good considering, and if

little more money were given to the depart-

ment things could be made much better.

Mayor Hewitt headed the criticism of the

public and called on the State Board of Char-

ity to make a thorough investigation of the

Commissioners and called at the State Board

giving them a lot of trouble needlessly because

they didn't need any investigation. The State

Board went prying into the affairs of the de-

partment for about three weeks, and then

other papers told the people all about the

trouble they discovered in that time. The re-

sult of it all was that the Commission was

cleared of the charge of neglect, and the

necessity for spending a good deal of money

in providing for the public charities of the

city became apparent.

The investigation was a good thing for us

in the end, said Commissioner Porter. Once

Mr. Hewitt saw the necessities of our depart-

ment, he went to work energetically to get

the money for the department, and he was

that the trouble was. He stood in this mat-

ter, and he was the first to know about a

matter, and then he told

the best he can for the right thing.

However, Mr. Hewitt was not to learn

what was the matter with the Department of

Charities and Correction, did not stop with

making the report to the State Board. He

made a personal inspection of the different de-

partments under the Commission. He, with

other members of the Commission, went to

went first to Bellevue Hospital. He visited

ward and inspected everything. He was

convinced that the charge was not

erected, so that the bath tubs and closets

could be taken out of the building. He

further, that a place in which to hold clothes

on bodies brought to the Morgue should be

Then the Mayor went over to Blackwell's

Island, at the Charity Hospital, the need of a

new laundry was suggested. There was a

pressing need for a pavilion for the maternity

service, and for an elevator for conveying the

rick from one floor to another. These im-

provements having been seen to be necessary, were

recommended by the Mayor. The pen-

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FORGER BEDELL'S METHODS.

HE CONTINUES HIS COOL CONFESSIONS OF FUGITIVE AND TRICK.

James E. Bedell resumed the story of his

forgeries yesterday in Supreme Court, Cham-

bers. In his examination, in Shillman's

testimony, he told of the money he had

from the Bank of the State of New York

and cashing the forged checks. Bedell

seemed anxious to tell everything he knew.

frequently volunteering additional statements

to those asked for, and told of all his tricks

and misrepresentations without hesitation.

Edward S. Barker took Edith Root's place

for the plaintiffs, and William Allen Butler

conducted the examination, assisted by Adrien

Joline and Mr. Larkin. Mr. Butler produced a

fictitious bond and mortgage bearing the

signature of Henry D. Sawyer and Mary

M. Sawyer and asked Bedell about the stamp

of the State of New York. He admitted

that he placed it there himself.

"I had the stamp made," said Bedell, "for

official convenience, but found the Register

wouldn't use any other stamp than his own.

It afterward occurred to me that I might

use the stamp of the State of New York.

He went to the Register's office, to guard

against discovery in case the mortgage

wanted to see the papers."

He examined the endorsement of Henry D.

Sawyer to a check for \$6,397.00, and pronounced

it genuine.

"But here is your affidavit, attached, stating

that you are your own forger," said Mr. Butler.

"I made that affidavit," answered Bedell,

"and all others while in Capt. McLaughlin's

station house a day or two after my arrest. It

was much excited and under the influence of

strong stimulants, and made a mistake in that

and perhaps others. Mr. Hanft, my lawyer,

and my firm and my lawyer drew up the

affidavits."

A check for \$1,165.50 was shown him. It

was endorsed by Peter Wiener.

"Who is Peter Wiener?" asked Mr. Butler.

"I don't know any such person," replied

Bedell in a whisper.

"Is there any person?" asked Mr. Butler.

"I don't believe there is. If there is I don't

know him," murmured Bedell.

A check was shown him, endorsed by E. L.

Davenport, for \$6,782.22. He said the man and

property were both fictitious. He signed

the check, and the longest address was

Bradford, Conn., Littlefield St., No. 12.

"But where did the money come from?"

was asked.

"I worked in a shoe store," said Bedell,

"and I was paid by the piece. There is a Mrs. Mary

Sawyer who owns property on President street.

She gave me a check for \$1,000.00, and I

became familiar with her property at the time

she bought it, and so found her name and

address. I went to her and asked her to bor-

row \$1,000.00 on that property. They gave me

a check for \$1,000.00, and I went to the

bank and cashed it. I was paid \$1,000.00

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TOOK HIS LAST DOLLAR.

SHIRTS GRANT TO USE THE WORD UNTRUTH.

But he Uses It All the Same, and Thenceforth

Shirke Leaves to Retire from the

Shirke Grant has sent another letter to

Gen. Newton, Commissioner of Public Works

It says in part:

I regret very much that a correspondence

which was invited by you on an appeal to the

"instincts of a gentleman," should have been

degraded by your letter to a level utterly un-

becoming to the character which you have

hitherto borne. I am unwilling that by any

act of mine this correspondence should be made

credible by the interchange of abusive epith-

ets between the head of an important de-

partment and a candidate for the chief execu-

tive office in this municipality.

I, however, very much regret that your

letter, aside from its coarse expressions, con-

tains the substantial accuracy of the facts

which I have stated concerning your depart-

ment, and that the attempted explanation of

my administrative methods is, therefore, the

only subject left for popular judgment.

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